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In the application of:

GARY DEAN LAVON, et al. : Confirmation No.: 4421
Serial No.: 08/828,005 : Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: March 27, 1997 : Examiner: Karin Reichle

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Statement(s) Regarding Previous Citations of References

It is respectfully noted that the citation by the Examiner of a U.S. Patent to Morstad in the Notice of References Cited in the Office Action mailed on 15 January 2003 appeared to list the patent number "2,532,340". However, no such patent to Morstad exists. It is supposed that the intended reference was probably to U.S. Patent No. 2,832,346, which was issued in the name of Morstad on 29 April 1958. Assuming that this is, in fact, the intended reference, it is requested that the listing be rewritten in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

It is also noted that, due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the Chinese reference CN 2073744U was listed as "Shuanggen" in the IDS submitted on 12 January 2004. The actual family name of the applicant is YAN and Shuanggen is the applicant's given name. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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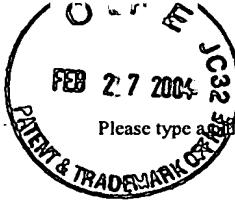
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